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Office Action Summary

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EZZEDDINE, HILAL

Examiner

TUYEN T. NGUYEN

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 4, and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art of figure 2 [AAPA] Masahiro et al. [JP 61-266069.]

AAPA discloses a transformer comprising:

- a common mode winding structure including first and second coils [5, 6]; and
- a differential mode winding structure including first and second coils [7, 8] electrically coupled with the common mode winding structure.

wherein the coils having the same length of $\lambda/4$.

AAPA discloses the instant claimed invention except for a capacitor.

Misahiro et al. discloses a mode-switching transformer [2] having only one capacitor [30, 40] connected in series with at least one coil/winding [21, 23.]

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to include a capacitor in series with the common mode winding structure of AAPA, as suggested by Misahiro et al., for the purpose of reducing common mode noise.

Regarding claim 4, the specific location of the capacitor would have been an obvious design consideration based on the intended application/environment use.

Regarding claims 6 and 9-10, the specific frequency of the transformer would have been an obvious design consideration based on the intended application/environment use.

Claims 3, 5 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Misahiro et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Waffenschmidt [US6,529,363.]

AAPA in view of Misahiro et al. discloses the instant claimed invention except for the specific of the coil/winding.

Waffenschmidt discloses a multi-layered transformer comprising at least one coil formed of a plurality of conductive layers [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] with insulating layer [8] disposed between the conductive layers and a capacitor [9] coupled to the at least one coil.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to use the coil/winding design of Waffenschmidt in AAPA, as modified, for the purpose of simplifying

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ELVIN ENAD can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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